

Human Services Funding Committee / Community Development Committee (CDC)  
March 3, 2009

Committee Members Attending: Jana McClure, Paulette Brooks, Lewis Rudolph, Mary Jane Laus  
Town Staff: Roy Rosenblatt  
Absent Committee Member: Isaac BenEzra (I think Claude Tellier as well)  
Guest: Patrick McCarthy from the Valley CDC

The formal meeting, though scheduled for 5:30, did not begin until a quorum was met at 6 pm. During the interim, Roy Rosenblatt reviewed the needs for permanent housing for the homeless and funding from the 2008 CDBG grant that is will available (unspent monies from the renovations to the North Amherst School) for other purposes.

Discussion then centered on the Main Street housing units (683-687) and the restrictions placed by the need for handicap accessibility. A ruling by the Architectural Access Board (AAB) that both the front and back entrances must be accessible by wheelchair necessitating the construction of ramps for 2 units (estimated cost of \$42,000 from Teagno). This will require a Public Hearing to amend the original grant sometime in early April.

Further discussion on a feasibility study for homeless shelters using the \$450,000 from CDBG including the need for a management plan, available sources of vouchers, who is to be housed and what kind of services are to be offered. The being no motion on the floor, the meeting ended at @ 6:30.

Note taker: Mary Jane Laus